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Re: U.S. Appl. No. 09/077,214; 102(e) Date: December 29, 1998  
For: **Tumor Vaccine and Process for the Preparation Thereof**  
Inventors: Schmidt *et al.*  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
2. Reply to Requirement For Election Of Species (*in duplicate*);
3. Preliminary Amendment;
4. Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1) (*in duplicate*);
5. Check No. 27638 for \$1850.00 to cover: five month extension of time fee; and
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It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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